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Johnny’s High School Reflection

Comparing the high school that I attended to that of the schools from “Savage Inequalities,” it is very keen to see how the educational system is different from Du Sable High School to my high school, Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School.

When looking into supplied funds to the poor high schools in Chicago, the government does not supply enough money to the school system. Rather, the government is putting more effort and funding towards schools in suburban areas. At Du Sable High, the “science students have to settle for makeshift equipment” (Pg. 64, Kozol). Comparing this to another high school in the book, New Trier, their high school is fitted with advance technology ranging from superior labs and the most recent technology. Now looking at my school, it was down the middle to the funds that would be applied to the school. Technology and school equipment were mostly up to date. The school was able to have the textbooks and materials required to the newest edition.

Looking at the curriculum at Du Sable High, the teachers are not properly teaching their students. These teachers’ “never asks the children to define the words or use them in a sentence” (Pg. 70, Kozol). The teachers are often neglecting their students at this high school, to the point where the teachers are feeling bored to teach, thus creating a dreadful atmosphere that will also affect the students. This is quite the contrast to my high school, as teachers and adviser would help the students stay on top of their assignments. The teachers were very helpful as they motivated the students to excel in their academic studies. The teachers would often take time from their schedule to stay after school to teach the students who are struggling. The teachers were motivated to teach us thus, it motivated the sttudents.

When looking back at Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School, I seem to appreciate the things that were around. The connections and the support from my fellow students and teachers as they were able to make my high school years enjoyable. The atmosphere was very lively compared to Du Sable High. Du Sable High is a strong contrast to my high school, as the atmosphere is not as lively. I feel very upset that there are schools that are like this one in the U.S.